

October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term we again find ourselves with much to reflect upon and celebrate. Our Year 10 students have made a fantastic start towards their GCSEs and need commending for their mature attitude towards their studies. Students in Year 9 have started their first year long wider curriculum subject and have already produced some fantastic plans and products. Year 8 and Year 7 have joined a number of sporting leagues that we have not previously accessed and as a result have participated in their first rugby matches.

Uniform

Over the half term please could you check that all pieces of uniform are clearly marked with the student's name as we appreciate that replacing uniform items can be expensive and we would like to return as many misplaced items as possible to their owners. Could you also check the fit of the uniform as we have a number of students whose skirts are shorter than the required knee length or trousers are more of a joggling style fit. The length of the skirt is a requirement to protect the students from embarrassment especially when using the stairs or when using taller tables such as in art or science and similarly the fit of the trousers is to avoid any unnecessary or unwanted comments or attention.

Internal timetable changes

In light of the growth of our school population and taking on board comments from students and parents, we will be introducing a 15 minute tutor time immediately after dinner Monday to Friday each week. This will take effect after half term and is to allow the independent study tutor to take on a pastoral role. This will provide clarity around the member of staff who is the initial point of contact for your child. This tutor time will be an opportunity for students to be given feedback on attendance, achievement and behaviour points and also to ensure a weekly planner check is completed should parents wish to communicate with tutors directly.

Currently club time and independent study splits the school day between core and wider subjects in Key Stage 3 and between the AM and PM sessions for Key Stage 4. These sessions will now take place as the last lesson of the school day.

Trips

Thank you for the support and enthusiasm that you have shown for the introduction of our year group trips. Already we have had our first school trip out this year where a group of students were given the opportunity to attend a wellbeing camp in Northumberland. As usual the students were excellent in representing us as a school and the centre used have agreed to us hosting wellbeing trips there on a half termly basis going forward for suitably identified students.

Parent Steering Group

As the school evolves there will be a number of changes that we will need to make. As mentioned in the September newsletter the reporting system is one of these. I would like to take this opportunity to launch a forum where I can meet with parents to discuss such changes and ways that we can aim to further develop our school offer. The forum will consist of two parent representatives from each year group and will meet once per

half term. If there are a number of parents that would like to be involved then we can rotate the attendees to ensure that we can involve as many parents as possible over the school year. If you would like to be involved in this please, could you register your interest by emailing your name along with your child/children's names and year group/s to parents@inglebymanorschool.org.uk before the end of the half term holidays.

Excellence in Madarin Program

We have just received approval from the British Council to run the Excellence in Mandarin Program at Ingleby Manor. This is an excellent opportunity for our current Year 7 students as it will open an array of linguistic opportunities for them. Over the next few weeks we will be selecting a class of students to study mandarin as a year long wider curriculum subject along side their core mandarin lessons. At the end of Year 7 they will sit a small assessment written by the British Council and if successful they will be permitted to continue in Year 8 as Mandarin ambassadors for the school. At the end of the second year they will be given another assessment and if successful they will be invited to China to experience the culture first hand with the flight being the only cost needing to be covered. If you have a child in Year 7 please take the time to read through the information that they will bring home so that they can register their interest in the course after half term.

New Additions

We would like to extend our congratulations to the latest members of the Ingleby Manor family welcoming Oliver and Issac, Mrs Jang and Mrs Birds sons into the world this week. They join the additions of Mrs Livingstones daughter, Mrs Higgins son and Mr Currys daughter who joined the family earlier this year.

Key Dates

Please find below a reminder of this year's term dates. As the Local Authority does support fines for term time holidays we urge all families to abide by these. To help with this I have also listed the term dates for next academic year (2018-2019).

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2	Monday 6th November	-	Friday 15th December 2017
Christmas Break	Monday 18 th December 2017	-	Tuesday 2 nd January 2018
Spring Term 1	Wednesday 3rd January	-	Friday 9th February 2018
February Half Term	Monday 12 th February	-	Friday 16 th February 2018
Spring Term 2	Monday 19th February	-	Thursday 29th March 2018
Easter Break	Friday 30 th March	-	Friday 13 th April 2018
Summer Term 1	Monday 16th April	-	Friday 25th May 2018
May Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May		
May Half Term	Monday 28 th May	-	Friday 1 st June 2018
Summer Term 2	Monday 4th June	-	Thursday 19th July 2018

Key School Events

November 2017	Monday 13 th 5.30-7.30pm	-	Year 10 Parents Evening
January 2018	W/C Monday 8 th	-	Year 9 Careers Interviews
	Wednesday 17 th 5.30-7.30pm	-	Year 9 Options Evening
	Monday 22 nd 5.30-7.30pm	-	Year 9 Parents Evening
March 2018	Monday 26 th 5.30-7.30pm	-	Year 7 Parents Evening
April 2018	Monday 23 rd 5.30-7.30pm	-	Year 8 Parents Evening

Ingleby Manor Foundation Trust Dates

Thursday 26 th October	-	Year 6/7 Zombie Prom
Sunday 19 th November	-	Christmas Fayre
Saturday 25 th November	-	Tesco Bag Pack

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support and I look forward to working with you all over this next term.

Regards



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Acting Principal